

If you've never been to the Department of Welfare, you should visit some time. It's a very large place.

SENATOR CULLAN: How many employees are there in the Department of Welfare? Again, I wish you could give us a little more specifics in what exactly you have seen in the Department of Welfare that needs to be cut, or any specific things that you think, in this Department, should be cut out.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Again, I should have done that. I've been relying on staff advice, which I customarily do, in terms of where we could make appropriate cuts. It appears to me, based on the advice I have, this is not going to impede any kind of delivery of services. It's not going to effect that. I can appreciate Senator Marsh's position, as a member of the Budget Committee, to defend. I think Senator George said that much better than I could, so I won't get involved in that issue. But from the information I have, if we're going to have to balance the budget, if we didn't have to do that we could spend \$10 million in this area. At some point in time there is a level that we have to get along with. The best advice I have is this is the level we can live with.

SENATOR CULLAN: Thank you very much Senator Lewis. A few minutes ago Senator Schmit told us that we should go along with Senator Lewis' cut because he has obviously researched these well, he knows what they're specifically going to do. I kind of wonder because I've asked him twice now if he can tell us exactly what these cuts are going to do. I have a little difficulty finding out where this cut is going to come. So, once again, I'm going to have to oppose Senator Lewis.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: I call for the previous question.

PRESIDENT: Do I see five seconds? I see five seconds. The question is shall debate now cease. Record your vote. Have you all voted?

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, I arise tattered, stuck, abused, from all sides, out of the desire to make appropriate cuts in the budget. Senator Cullan said I hadn't researched the information correctly. Well, unfortunately, not coming from a degree in engineering, and not having the precise knowledge that he would have in all those fields, not being as versed in the Department of Welfare as Senator Cullan is, I was absolutely no match for him in terms of the information at hand. From Senator Kahle, the long-time county official who has had more experience in swiping funds than I have, I certainly couldn't answer those charges. From Senator Marsh, the guardian of the Budget Committee, I certainly could not match those charges. But the issues are clear. It is plain and simple. The Governor outlined it for you. You only have so many dollars to spend, and where are you going to spend it? Immediately, when you start talking about cutting dollars, some people get defensive. But let me make it clear for the